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Westland OK's final street light phase

Things are looking much brighter throughout the City of Westland.

Members of the city council approved the final $1.1 million phase of the streetlight conversion program at their meeting Aug. 20 setting Westland on course to have high-efficiency LED streetlights throughout the city.

According to Mayor William R. Wild, the installation of the streetlights, "will make Westland one of the first cities in western Wayne County and all of Michigan to be fully LED."

> *Westland is constantly striving to improve upon the safety of motorists and pedestrians...*

The new streetlights and the replacement of others should be complete next year, officials said. About 870 streetlights will be replaced along with the installation of the new lights in locations proposed following a study by the police department. Eleven lights will be installed along Wildwood, between Ford and Hunter; eight will be erected on Venoy, between Cherry Hill and Palmer; 132 will be installed along Newburgh Road between Joy and Glenwood; 42 will be added along Warren Road between Wayne and Newburgh and another 28 will be installed on Central City parkway, between Warren and Wayne roads.

The initial phase of the project, which took place in March of 2015, was a pilot program that converted 166 Mercury Vapor street light fixtures to LED in the Annapolis Park Subdivision. Phase two began in August of 2015 and converted 230 street light fixtures to LED on major roads throughout the city. The

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At your service

Romulus Library seeks to provide for residents' needs

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Patty Braden was in graduate school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, she worked at both the Law Library and the Graduate Library.

"I knew right away I wanted to go to library school," said Braden, who has been the Romulus Public Library director for seven years. "I was very impressed with the librarians at the Law Library."

Those professionals knew the law as well as many languages in addition to English. Braden earned a bachelor's degree in geography from Eastern Michigan University with a literature minor as well as a master's in information and library studies at the University of Michigan.

Braden started in academic libraries, first for years at the University of Michigan and then in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She became a public library director in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Nearly 10 years ago in moving back to Michigan, she was hired as youth librarian by the late Paulette Medvecky at the Wayne Public Library.

"Absolutely, very much so," she said when asked about support at her library, which serves Romulus and Huron Township residents. Circulation of materials and program attendance "is on the upswing and has been for a long time. Our youth programs are very popular."

The Summer Reading program for children drew crowds. "All of those numbers are way up. I'm very proud of the staff," she said.

She manages a budget of about $700,000 a year with a staff of 10, including three librarians. The library on Wayne Road south of I-94 has two book clubs "going strong," as well as a third in cooperation with the City of Romulus at the Senior Center.

Some of those attendees have joined the library Friends group. There's a Seed Library for donating seeds to gardeners, as well as a LEGO Club, Anime Club and a Black History Club.

Braden is proud of the library work in digitizing past issues of The Romulus Roman, now part of the Eagle/Associated Newspapers, with back copies online via a library card from 1968 to the mid-1990s.

Romulus Library Director Patty Braden is proud of the myriad of up-to-date services the facility provides for the public.

She's in several book clubs, including one through The Library Network, Leaders Book Discussion. Library professionals read and discuss supervision and management issues that arise, "basically how to be a leader," she said.

Braden is also president of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce. "That has been a wonderful experience. I feel the director ought to be out in the community," she said during a recent interview in her office.

Braden is also a member of a book club that meets at the homes of members, a club she started. "My favorite would be historical fiction," she said. "I learn a lot when I read historical fiction.

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Canton police arrest theft ring

Five suspects were arrested earlier this month on charges related to a retail fraud scheme which involved nearly $500,000 in merchandise stolen from Canton businesses.

Canton Township police executed search warrants Aug. 1 on storage units, a warehouse and residential locations following a four-month investigation of the alleged criminal enterprise.

Prosecutors claim that between March 16 and July 27, the suspects would steal from various retail stores in Canton such as CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid, and Target. The defendant(s) would then turn the stolen merchandise over to Nafez Mohammad, 59, of Detroit. It is alleged that Mohammad would then take the items to a storage unit in Dearborn and remove the plastic security devices and stickers so they could be sold to purchasers on the internet.

"Over the past year, the Canton Police Department has been diligent with our investigations into organized retail criminal enterprises," said Deputy Director Chad Baugh. "Our intention is to disrupt the trade of stolen merchandise in our region, therefore diminishing the number of venues for would-be thieves to sell their stolen goods. In the long run,

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City management report sparks resignation

The resignation of Wayne City Councilman Tom Porter was rejected by a vote of the city council during their regular meeting last week. Porter had tendered his resignation Aug. 20 in what he said was his indignation at the public posting of an independent report citing rampant discrimination and mismanagement at city hall.

City attorney Breeda O'Leary-Brassfield was also rumored to have tendered her resignation to the council following their failure to act on the findings in report.

Porter stated at the meeting last Tuesday that his action was in response to another member of the council leaking the 105-page report rather than keeping the findings confidential. Members of the council voted against accepting Porter's resignation with Councilman Ryan Gabriel casting the only vote in favor of the motion.

> *I resigned, it was not accepted, leaving me an open door...*

In a later post on social media, Porter said that he would not take any more calls, texts, messages email or questions regarding the report.

"I resigned, it was not accepted, leaving me an open door (in my opinion) to quit or rejoin the city council as I (yes, just me and the people closest to me) decide."

The independent investigation was performed by an outside legal firm which found no basis for the initial complaint of sexual discrimination but did, however, discover mismanagement and favoritism by the city manager toward one employee along with what could be characterized as a hostile working environment. The report further cited management failures of the city manager and suggested the council take immediate remedial action up to and including dismissal if the administrator is unable or unwilling to take the necessary corrective actions. No action regarding the report or the conduct of the city manager was taken during the regular meeting and the item was not on the agenda.

Porter spoke about his resig-

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Northville - Canton

Meet the champ

Northville student wins medal in international geography competition

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

If you ask Northville High School freshman Ved Muthusamy where a certain city is in the world, chances are he'll know.

As a Hillside Middle School eighth-grader, Muthusamy, 14, competed in the International Geography Bee in July in Berlin, Germany, garnering a Bronze medal.

"I have to say I was very nervous," said the son of Muthu Sivanantha and Viji Velayutham of Northville. "In the end, it was really fun. My hard work paid off."

His family, which includes a 12-year-old sister at Hillside, Nila Muthusamy, helped him study and Muthusamy also used the GeoBee City online learning community of U.S. students.

"In Berlin, there were people from all over the world," including Ghana, Argentina and Poland, he said. He'd accompanied his dad to National competition in June too, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I check out multiple books from the library," mostly the Northville Public Library but also the Novi Library, he said. The family has a globe and atlas at home and all helped by quizzing the teen.

Muthusamy especially appreciates Hillside history teacher Jim Lee and Hillside principal William Jones' help. The teen is to be lauded at a Northville Public Schools Board of Education meeting.

"Of course, high school is the first priority. I think I plan to do this (compete) as well," he said. In Berlin, competition was for Middle (grades four-eight), Junior Varsity (grades nine-10), and Varsity (grades 11-12).

In Berlin, he and his dad did some sightseeing too, learning about the Berlin Wall, the rise of Communism, and the Imperial period of kings and queens. They saw many historic buildings.

"As a family, we love to travel," the teen said, noting treks to Iceland and Japan. "I learned much more about those places by going there."

While in Germany, he met some Oakland County competitors in the Junior Varsity division.

Dad Muthu Sivanantha said, "It was fabulous, I would say. We've seen him go through a lot of hard work. He persevered. He just took it upon himself. He's very passionate about the world."

Added Sivanantha, "We were really happy to see that come to fruition. He put in a lot of preparation and hard work." The teen's father said family "time and space to prepare" is the main thing.

"Oh, yes, we are extremely proud," he said. His son has also done the Science Olympiad. "We are really happy and really proud."

Mom Viji Velayutham shares that pride of her son's achievement. "We are originally from India. The kids are used to international trips," including to India every other year, she said.

"He has been very passionate about geography for the last two to three years. Through his hard work, he persevered," she added of her son, the school champion in seventh and eighth grades as well.

"It is good to be home," the teen agreed, adding competition gets more challenging at the advanced age levels.

Ved Muthusamy

Canton resident surprised by lottery ticket

A Canton Township woman was throwing away a Powerball ticket, but asked a store clerk to scan it first and found she'd won $50,004.

Delaine Passucci, 47, matched the four white balls and the Powerball - 02-18-41-44-64 PB: 26 - in the July 25 drawing to win the $50,000 prize. Passucci also won an additional $4 on her ticket. She bought her winning ticket at the Kroger store, located at 9700 Chilson Commons Circle in Pinckney.

"I had a few tickets for that Powerball drawing, and the self-scanner wouldn't tell me if it was a winner," said Passucci. "I stuck the ticket back in my wallet and decided I'd try to scan it again later. When I did, the same thing happened so I tucked it away again.

"A couple weeks later I was buying my groceries at Kroger and I stopped at the Lottery counter and scanned it again and again the scanner wouldn't tell me if it was a winner. I was just about to toss it in the garbage, when I decided to have the clerk scan it for me. When she told me I'd have to go to the Lottery office to claim my prize, I realized I'd won too much for the self-scanner to give me a prize amount!"

Passucci visited Lottery headquarters recently to claim her prize. She plans to share her winnings with her church and then save the remainder.

"It's been a roller coaster since I bought this ticket. I went from thinking I had a bad ticket, to thinking I won some money, to finding out I won some real money," Passucci said.

Powerball plays may be purchased for $2 each at Lottery retailers across the state and online at MichiganLottery.com. A "Power Play" option that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by up to 10 times to a maximum of $2 million may be added to any Powerball play for only $1.

The Powerball drawing takes place at 10:59 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday and may be watched live online at: http://www.powerball.com. Powerball tickets are sold in 44 states, Washington D.C., U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Thefts

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legitimate retailers will see a reduction in thefts, therefore averting consumers from paying inflated retail prices to make up for the losses."

Three of those arrested were arraigned in 19th District Court in Dearborn last week on charges filed by the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. The first man to be charged was Mohammad. He is being charged with one count of a continuing criminal enterprise, a 20-year felony; 10 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued from $1,000 - $20,000, a 5-year felony; 17 counts of organized retail crime, a 5-year felony and two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at from $200 - $1,000, a one-year misdemeanor.

Also charged was Victoria Henderson, 33 of Detroit. She has been charged with one count of continuing criminal enterprise; 15 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued at from $1,000 - $20,000; 17 counts of organized retail crime and two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued from $200 - $1,000.

A third suspect, Deon Davey, 19 of Detroit, is charged with 10 counts of receiving and concealing stolen property valued from $1,000 - $20,000 and 10 counts of organized retail crime.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE
PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED
TO SUPPORT THE 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will be holding a public hearing regarding the **property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2019 proposed budget** on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor Board Meeting Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 Canton Center Rd., S., Canton, MI.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Michael A. Siegrist,
Canton Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco and James Malinowski. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Robert Bell for property located at 4620 Hannan Road, on the west side of Hannan between Van Born and Michigan Avenue, Zoning GI, appealing Section 78-131, Height of Wall in an Industrial District. Parcel ID 71-141-99-0026-000 (Building)

2. Applicant Bazo Construction, Project Representative Haidar Badreddine for property located at 8773 Haggerty, on the west side of Haggerty between Joy Road and Koppernick, Zoning C-3, appealing Section 6A.15 Signs Permitted in all Commercial and Industrial Districts Canopy Signs; Section 6A.19 (1) (2), Gasoline Service Station Signs. Parcel ID 71-002-99- 0002-707 (Building)

3. Applicant Jeff Ranken, Project Representative for property located at 45555 Michigan Avenue, on the south side of Michigan between Belleville and Research Drive, Zoning C-3, appealing Section 6A.17 Wall Sign Area Scale. Parcel ID 132-99-0003-701. (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – August 21, 2018
A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Meier, Deputy Director-Police Baugh, Deputy Director-Fire Stoecklein, Deputy Police Chief Wilsher, **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Public Safety Department Strategic Plan** Director Meier presented a PowerPoint to the board covering the Five Year Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation may be obtained by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours at 734-394-5120. Director Meier thanked his staff and all the PSD employees for their assistance in preparing this plan. The entire plan was done in-house. This plan incorporates both internal and external stake holders. These external stake holders included representation of the township businesses and the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools – 15 of which are within the townships jurisdiction gave input as to their needs with regard to Public Safety. Internal stake holders gave input regarding the needs and wants of the department. Public Safety will return to the board in November for their approval of this Strategic Plan. Goals were set in 3 categories: Police Department Goals Fire Department Goals Public Safety Goals – covering the entire organization. **Police Department:** Staffing: recommendations range from 1 per 1,000 to 2.4 per 1,000. Deputy Director Baugh covered Part One Crime Larceny and Retail Fraud compile a large portion of the crimes in Canton. These types of crimes take a large amount of hours and manpower to investigate and prosecute. Deputy Chief Wilsher explained how this effects response time in a negative way. He also covered how the department has reallocated resources in an attempt to reduce response time. Wilsher covered the various tasks of the Dispatchers. Canton is also very involved with domestic violence victims and the First Step Program to aid/rehabilitate these victims. Recommendations for Staffing: Add 4 Police Officers in 2019 Add one Command Officer in the future Establish Part-Time Public Safety Aid (PSA) position in 2019 Director Meier covered the projected financial impact on the township from 2019 – 2023 Deputy Director Baugh covered technological improvements and enhancements in investigation and how advancements in technology can aid in reducing costs to the department. With the technology comes the problem of how to accommodate all the equipment necessary in the Dispatch area. Real-time video access is something they are looking into. They are consulting with architects for the optimal usage of space and equipment usage for the best use of their dispatch center space. **Fire Department:** Deputy Director-Fire Stoecklein covered the Fire Department portion of this presentation. Staffing analysis based on NFPA 1710 and community growth/demand. The minimum daily staffing of firefighters is 16 dropping down to 15 after 8 p.m. The NFPA recommends an average of 1.43 Firefighters per 1000. The township suppression staff is currently at 63, if you include administrative and support staff it is 68. They are proposing bringing that number up to 74. 139 would be at the 1.43 per 1000. There is still the problem of acquiring and keeping qualified individuals. They are projecting approximately 8103 runs in 2018. Canton also participates in Mutual Aid where we assist neighboring communities. Canton's firefighters are also trained paramedics so they are able to man ambulances if the need arises. With the increase in calls requiring medical assistance, the goal is to increase staffing to keep the response times down. They are looking at changes in the way the department is staffed utilizing non-traditional shifts. Canton was awarded a SAFER Grant which will help reduce the costs of the 6 additional firefighters for the first three years. Assisted Living facilities are increasing in Canton and PSD is aware this type of facility increases the number of requests for service on the department. They are involved in the Community Paramedic Program by following up on residents that have been transported to local hospitals to possibly reduce the number of recurring runs to a hospital for the same resident. Technology is also assisting in decreasing the response time based on GIS services rather than utilizing traditional maps. The Fire Stations are also in need of some updates and repairs. AED's are also coming up on the end of their useful life. Fleet needs are being evaluated based on the addition of Fire Station #4. Grants are always being investigated and utilized in replacing the very expensive Fire Fighting equipment. Station #2 will be rebuilt, and Fire Station #4, potentially located on the south-eastern portion of Canton along Michigan Avenue, is the goal for the future for the best coverage of Canton Township. Work Place Environment: Address Mental, Physical Health, & Wellness of Employees Evaluate Current Programs Evaluate Future Needs PSD Peer Support Group to assist the employees in coping with critical incidents Diversity in the Workplace Diversify Workforce Through Training Enhance Outreach Efforts in Community Emergency Management: Enhance School Safety & Security Reactivate Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conduct Emergency Operation Center Assessment Director Meier explained Public Safety will be presenting this to the Board for approval at a Regular Board Meeting in November. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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PLYMOUTH

Millage for arts facility will be meeting topic

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Don Soenen, president of the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC), is urging careful consideration of a single millage of no more than 0.75 mills on the Nov. 6 ballot for City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township voters.

"The only thing I would ask is people make an informed decision," Soenen said at a recent fundraising event at the Red Olive restaurant in Plymouth. "That is up to the individual."

The website has additional information at www.VoteYesforPARC.org, with the email for answers to questions at VoteYesForPARC@gmail.com. A new Plymouth Area Recreation Authority (PARA) to govern PARC is a stand-alone body with a board of directions now appointed.

The PARA directors will be elected beginning in 2020, said Soenen, who has pegged the project at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth at some $30 million.

"That is unique to any community center, recreation center that I know of" in not requiring an operating subsidy, he said. "We are currently 90 percent occupied. There was definitely a need."

He noted work needed on the former Central Middle School, parts of which are some 100 years old. The pool needs fixing, along with HVAC, plumbing and more.

Soenen said he is most often asked about the approximately 800-seat theater.

"There is a real unmet need in this community for a performance space," he said, noting some local dance studios use Saline High School to perform. "They'll be all over this. There is a real demand for our local groups and our regional groups. It's going to bring business to the community," he added.

> *The only thing I would ask is people make an informed decision.*

PARC was purchased from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and has been in talks for about five years, with PARC taking possession in June 2015.

Soenen noted the heavy use at the facility in arts, recreation and sports, as well as culinary arts. It hosts College for Creative Studies courses.

Soenen put the theater cost at about $14-15 million.

"The location is absolutely ideal Plymouth is where they want to be," he said of arts groups. "This is a very unique opportunity for us to put a facility like this."

He thanked property donors Patty and Mark Malcolm and said some $1.2 million for PARC has been raised to date with more coming in campaign pledges.

Soenen added the PARA board will hire contractors.

"If we don't perform, they can fire us. PARC does not control this," he said, addressing talk of his becoming wealthy or any other volunteers via tax dollars doing so.

Dan Dwyer, who serves on the Vote Yes for PARC committee, thanked many volunteers, noting, "The Vote Yes for PARC committee has been somewhat of an ad hoc committee."

John Stewart, an attorney and former state representative, said, "This is a golden opportunity. We need a place like PARC."

The PARC millage will be part of the discussion set for a Senior Round Table set for 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

The event is being hosted by officials from PARC, the Plymouth District Library, the Plymouth Historical Museum, and the Plymouth Community YMCA.

Organizers said the event will allow seniors to join local leaders and area residents for an opportunity to share ideas on how the Plymouth community can best serve the senior population. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be the featured keynote speaker, and the discussion will be followed by light refreshments. All attendees should respond at (734) 927-4090 by Thursday, Sept. 6 to confirm attendance.

Senior Transportation is available for those 60 and older by calling (734) 459-8888 at least 48 hours in advance, organizers said.

Lighting project at Plymouth Park is complete

Plymouth Township Park is lit up like never before with the installation of new, state-of-the-art LED lights at the southeast baseball diamond and the adjacent parking lot. The new additions to the park came online this summer.

The $179,000 project was paid with Wayne County Parks grants and $65,000 in equipment and labor donated by Musco Lighting of Oskaloosa, Iowa on behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Little League, which is a primary user of the diamond.

The new lighting system started with a grant from Little League International and Musco in 2013 for the Plymouth-Canton Little League 'ASAP' (A Safety Awareness Program). The grant recognized and rewarded the Plymouth-Canton Little League commitment and track record for safety.

"It was an honor for us to partner with Plymouth Township and Musco on this project," said Plymouth-Canton Little League President Jeff Holt. "Township staff were easy to work with and kept us and the neighborhood informed on the project. Most importantly, we're providing a safer playing environment for our kids, and a more enjoyable experience for their families, as we celebrate the great game of baseball right here in Plymouth Township."

The state of the art lighting system from Musco included all new, metal poles at the southeast diamond with energy-efficient LED lighting systems designed to improve nighttime play, visibility, and safety for players. The system features several trademark enhancements from Musco Lighting including: "Total Light Control" ensuring playing fields are lit with no spillover zones - safely lighting fields without 'light pollution' going into the neighborhoods; The "Ball Tracker" system, to direct targeted lighting upward to highlight baseballs and softballs against the night sky, improving playability; "Control-Link,' a 24-hour remote monitoring system allowing staff to schedule, control, and manage lights with the touch of a smart phone and a 25-year parts and labor warranty.

"Thanks to Plymouth Township, Wayne County, and Musco, the community now has a first-class field that is safe for nighttime play. It is truly is one of the best fields of its kind in southeast Michigan," said Holt.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who was a key player in helping secure the County Parks money needed to build the new ball diamond and parking lot lights, praised the project as well.

"Wayne County is proud to have been a financial sponsor for this outstanding project. As a father of two girls, I know how important it is for families to get out and have fun - and that's what the county and our parks system is helping to create."

In addition to the ball diamond lighting, the project also used grant money from Wayne County Parks to build an LED lighting system for the adjacent parking lot that services all four ball diamonds at the park, as well as the Four-Seasons Pavilion.

AGGRESSIVE LITIGATION

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Township website upgraded

Users of the Plymouth Township website and Smartphone applications will notice some differences.

According to a prepared news release from Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, the revisions and upgrades were in response to complaints from residents who used the applications.

"The township website and Smartphone applications have a new look and feel, improving the customer experience, transparency, and providing more online services for residents," Heise said.

"The previous administration has us locked in to long-term contracts for both website and Smartphone app services. The app in particular was not very interactive and was pretty limited in its scope and usefulness," he added.

Changes were made within the scope of the existing service contracts at no cost to taxpayers. Township officials worked with vendors for both the website, www.plymouthtwp.org and the "PT Link" app to improve their use and access, adding new graphics and improved pull-down index bars to the website, and updating information on every page, according to Heise.

The PT Link in particular has additional tabs for paying bills online, contacting the building department, and linking to the township Facebook page. It also maintains the ability for users to make complaints to township hall regarding trash pickup, potholes and other issues which are fed directly to appropriate staff, he added.

To access PT Link, go to the app store for your particular Smartphone.

"Many of these improvements were recommended by our Citizens Advisory Council and customer concerns," Heise added. "It was our goal to respond to these improvement requests within the scope of our existing contracts and without additional cost to the taxpayers, and we hope residents will appreciate them."

Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, September 19, 2018
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
APPLICATION: 2302-0818: The Edge Training Center
APPLICANT: Carey Sherbrooke

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application for a Special Land Use on Tax ID No. R-78-009-02-0051-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located at 45677 Helm St. (north of Mast St.; west of Jib St.; south of Five Mile Road; and east of Keel St.). The site is presently zoned the IND, Industrial district where Indoor Recreation Centers (personal fitness facility) are considered a Special Land Use.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Planning and Zoning Department, attn.: Ms. Carol Martin. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Public Services Counter (second floor) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Publish: On, or before August 30, 2018 .
Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON ADOPTION OF
BROWNFIELD PLAN - SITE #3
FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth on the 11th day of September, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Town Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for Site #3, for which the Authority shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed Brownfield property is:

SITE #3

Land situated in the Charter Township of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows:

The westerly 7.96 acres portion of Tax Parcel 78-006-99-0001-701
(Commonly known as 47500 Five Mile Road)

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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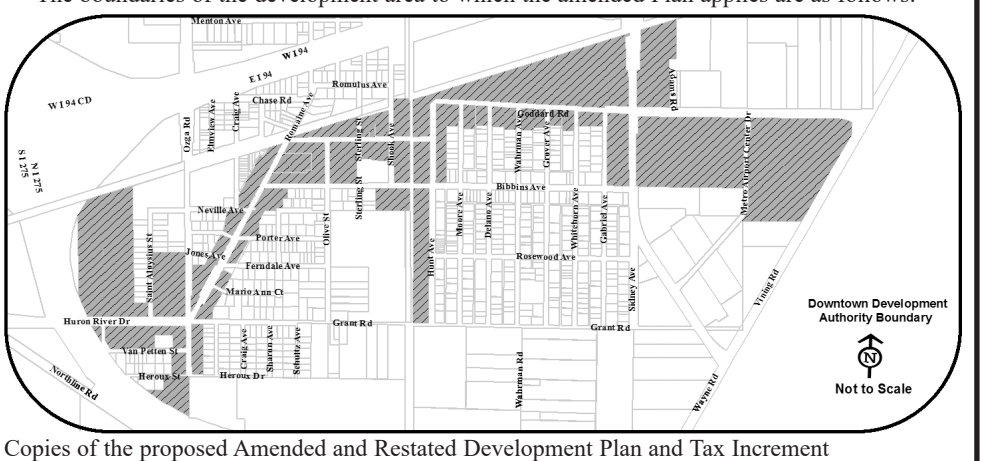
CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE
ROMULUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 24th day of September,2018, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus,Michigan, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the amended Plan applies are as follows:



Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plans, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection.
At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Downtown Development Authority Director of the City of Romulus.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

Ellen Craig-Bragg,
Clerk, City of Romulus
Publish: August 30, 2018

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Wayne - Westland

New homes area welcomed

Construction of the Pulte Homes residential development in Westland is now under way, with a model Nankin Mills home open on Joy Road east of Newburgh Road.

Homes are listed at starting at $277,990 and within the Livonia Public Schools district. Five designs are offered.

Construction at Nankin Mills started in April 2018 and is on pace now to finish in late 2019, developers said.

Nankin Mills is approximately 17 acres, with 70 homes planned for the site on 55-foot by 120-foot sites, said Macey Kessler, corporate communications manager for the Pulte Group.

Kessler said, "Westland is a great location to live. With easy access to major expressways, an abundance of nearby shopping, dining, entertainment, and (it is) in a highly desirable school district."

Westland has also seen development of homes recently on the east side of Newburgh Road north of Warren Avenue, on the former Clyde Smith Nursery site which was sold to developers. City and Chamber of Commerce leaders have praised the growth of home projects in Westland.

The model home on Joy Road of the Pulte Nankin Mills project is open.

Report

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nation, submitted in writing when the report was first posted on social media, during the public comments portion of the meeting. He had not taken his regular seat at the council meeting. He soundly criticized the release of the contents of the confidential report and said that revealing the contents of the investigation offended him personally.

The independent investigator spoke with 17 people, including employees and department heads at city hall. In the report, he said he found no basis for unsubstantiated claims from a local attorney regarding the behavior of recalled former City Councilman Christopher Sanders. That attorney, Scott Ruark, was active in the recall of Sanders from the council. Ruark failed to respond to the request from the investigator for documentation or corroboration of claims that Sanders had acted inappropriately or in a threatening manner at city hall.

Sanders, now a mayoral candidate, refused to speak to the investigator or participate in the investigation stating in an earlier interview that he believed his participation would be misinterpreted and misquoted. Sanders also refused comment on Porter's resignation and would only say that he felt the findings in the report were very clear as was the recommendation of the investigating attorney.

Ruark was also the attorney who wrote to city attorney O'Leary-Brassfield and the members of the city council on behest of City Manager Lisa Nocerini following the disclosures in the report. In that emailed correspondence, Ruark, claiming to represent Nocerini, said that the report found no basis for sexual orientation discrimination and listed multiple accomplishments Nocerini claims during her tenure in the position, including the successful applications for multiple state and federal grants, securing new businesses, marketing city-owned properties, negotiating union contracts, reducing the city deficit and implementing new retiree benefit plans.

The letter claims that Nocerini's efforts have saved the city millions of dollars and suggests "she believes that it is time to put this matter behind the City and that she continue to serve City Council and represent the City to the best of her ability through the duration of her current contract, and beyond."

The investigator, however, discovered and reported multiple and serious problems with Nocerini's management and administration at city hall. In his report, the investigator said he found a staff fearful of recriminations and who were subjected to ongoing and overt discriminatory treatment. Employees reportedly sent the investigator photos of the city manager leaving city hall and driving immediately to the home of a city council member following the investigator's interview questions. The investigator had been questioning the failure of the city manager to follow accepted disciplinary procedures with regard to a specific employee. Employees in city hall regarded that alleged immediate visit as a demonstration of an attempt to cover up the actions of a favored employee and clear evidence that a specific councilman was aiding in the effort to protect both the administrator and employee.

The investigator said that this was basis for serious concern as the employees believe they work in an atmosphere where the city manager and one councilman, currently a candidate for mayor, are aligned so strongly that employees and department heads have no recourse for equitable treatment.

At the meeting last week, in his comments, Porter said that he felt that whichever of the council members posted the findings of the investigation had failed to live up to the oath of office.

Annual scarecrow contest applications now available

Downtown Wayne may become a very scary place to visit next month.

The 6th Annual Scarecrow Show and Contest is set for Sept. 29 through Nov. 4.

Participants can create a scarecrow and take it to the Wayne Historical Museum by Sept. 29. The winners of the scarecrow voting contest will receive a cash prize at the Scarecrow Reception set for Oct. 17 in Derby's Alley.

The contest is sponsored annually by Wayne Main Street and each year, individuals, families and groups are invited to design and build a scarecrow using a premade frame and lots of imagination. Each scarecrow is displayed throughout the month of October and each entry will be entered in the scarecrow contests, Facebook favorite, In-person voting and Judges' Choice. Winners will each be awarded a $100 cash prize.

Entrants should complete the online registration form at waynemainstreet.com.

After completing the entry form, frames for the scarecrows can be retrieved at the museum beginning Sept. 22. The scarecrows will be installed throughout the downtown area Sept. 29 and Facebook balloting for the best scarecrow begins on Oct. 1. The museum is located at One Town Square in downtown Wayne.

For more information, call 734) 629-6822.

Lights

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third phase of the project converted 2,466 street light fixtures to LED on neighborhood streets throughout the city. The fourth and final phase will convert the remaining approximately 840 high pressure sodium lights to energy efficient LED. The total cost of the fourth phase is $253,972 and will result in an annual savings of $64,113, which will allow the city to recoup 100 percent of the cost in approximately 4 years, according to Wild.

Wild said that the new light poles in the city Shop and Dine area would be more decorative and also allow the city to place decorative banners on the poles. The poles will also have electric outlets so the city can decorate them with holiday lights.

"This project has been a great success for our Mission: Green Initiative, as Westland will become one of the first communities in Western Wayne County to convert 100 percent of our residential and commercial streetlights to LED, " commented Wild. "As a city dedicated to responsible environmental practices and sustainability, Westland is constantly striving to improve upon the safety of motorists and pedestrians who use these thoroughfares with LED streetlights that use less energy yet provide for enhanced visibility."

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Belleville - Inkster - Romulus

Town Hall meetings set to discuss millage

A series of town hall meetings has been scheduled to provide information to voters about a millage proposal to support services in the Romulus Fire and Police departments.

A vote on a 4-mill levy for a five-year term will be part of the Nov. 6 General Election ballot. The proposal would provide necessary funding to maintain the current level of fire and police services in the community while avoiding cuts in essential services.

Informational town halls will all begin at 6 p.m. and all meetings are open to the public.

- Sept. 19 at Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth St.
- Oct. 3 at Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road
- Oct. 24 at Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road

Additional informational meetings will be planned. Those interested in hosting an informational meeting can call Mayor LeRoy Burcroff's office at (734) 942-7571.

Members of the Romulus City Council voted unanimously June 11 to place a proposed charter amendment on the ballot. Funds would be utilized strictly for fire and police services.

> *History has led to the current financial situation...*

City officials said fire and police services make up more than two-thirds of the city general fund budget. Burcroff said public safety is a vital service that government provides. Failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for fire, police and other essential services.

History has led to the current financial situation, officials explained. When Romulus incorporated as a city in 1970, the City Charter called for 10 mills to fund local government in what was largely then a farming community. When the full-time police department was formed in 1981, there was no increase in the millage rate. When the full-time fire department was formed in 1999, again, there was no increase in the millage rate.

While the number of city employees, firefighters and police officers has decreased, the demands on first responders have significantly increased, officials said, necessitating funding to maintain adequate services for the public.

Suspect's identity sought

Investigators from the Inkster Police Department are requesting assistance in identifying and locating a robbery suspect.

The crime occurred in the parking lot of the CVS drug store located at Cherry Hill and Inkster Road at about 10:18 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20. The lone suspect was described as a black male about 5-feet, 9-inches tall, wearing a black hoodie and black pants with a white stripe down the side.

The suspect vehicle is a black, four-door sedan which left the scene with at least two individuals inside.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect or the incident is asked to contact the Inkster Detective Bureau at (313) 563-9850 Ext. 23125. All tips can remain anonymous.

Suspect vehicle

Additional anonymous tips can be submitted to crime stoppers at 1800speakup.org or by calling 313-922-5000.

Museum sets membership event

The Belleville Area Historical Society will host a special membership and volunteer drive from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District.

> *There is no fee for those who sign up as a volunteer for the museum.*

Entertainment will be provided by Joe and Rose Kennedy impersonators and will answer questions about all things Camelot. Salad, pizza and assorted refreshments will be provided during the evening which is an effort to increase membership, raise awareness of the museum and elevate volunteer participation, according to organizers.

The $20 admission fee will be waived for those who sign up for a new membership in the museum as well as for existing members who bring in a new member. There is no fee for those who sign up as a volunteer for the museum.

Library

FROM PAGE 1

She said she enjoys traveling with her family, which includes a grown daughter, "and just spending time with friends and family."

Braden smiled when reminded of 1980s predictions the book would go away.

"Books are alive and well. They are thriving" in many formats. "I'm happy to say that's still the case. People have always wanted to learn."

The Romulus Library is in a three-year strategic plan process to incorporate feedback from forums and a survey of residents. "It's our job to get the word out and make sure people know what we have to offer. We also are a place, a space for people to come."

She said she is also proud of newer computer ports that help people who bring in laptop computers "and can just spend an hour or a day to take care of their business."

The Romulus Library serves some 40,000 people, and she's pleased city complex renovation will include a new parking lot with better lighting for the library.

"We're growing, adding new services, trying to listen to what their needs and wants are," she said of patrons. Donations are still sought for the Romulus Roman digitizing which she says isn't cheap.

She's proud of the children's collection, adult fiction, audio books and teen selection, noting adult nonfiction is being reviewed now. The library offers e-books and e-magazines.

"We are always looking to the future to what we can provide based on the needs of the community," she said.

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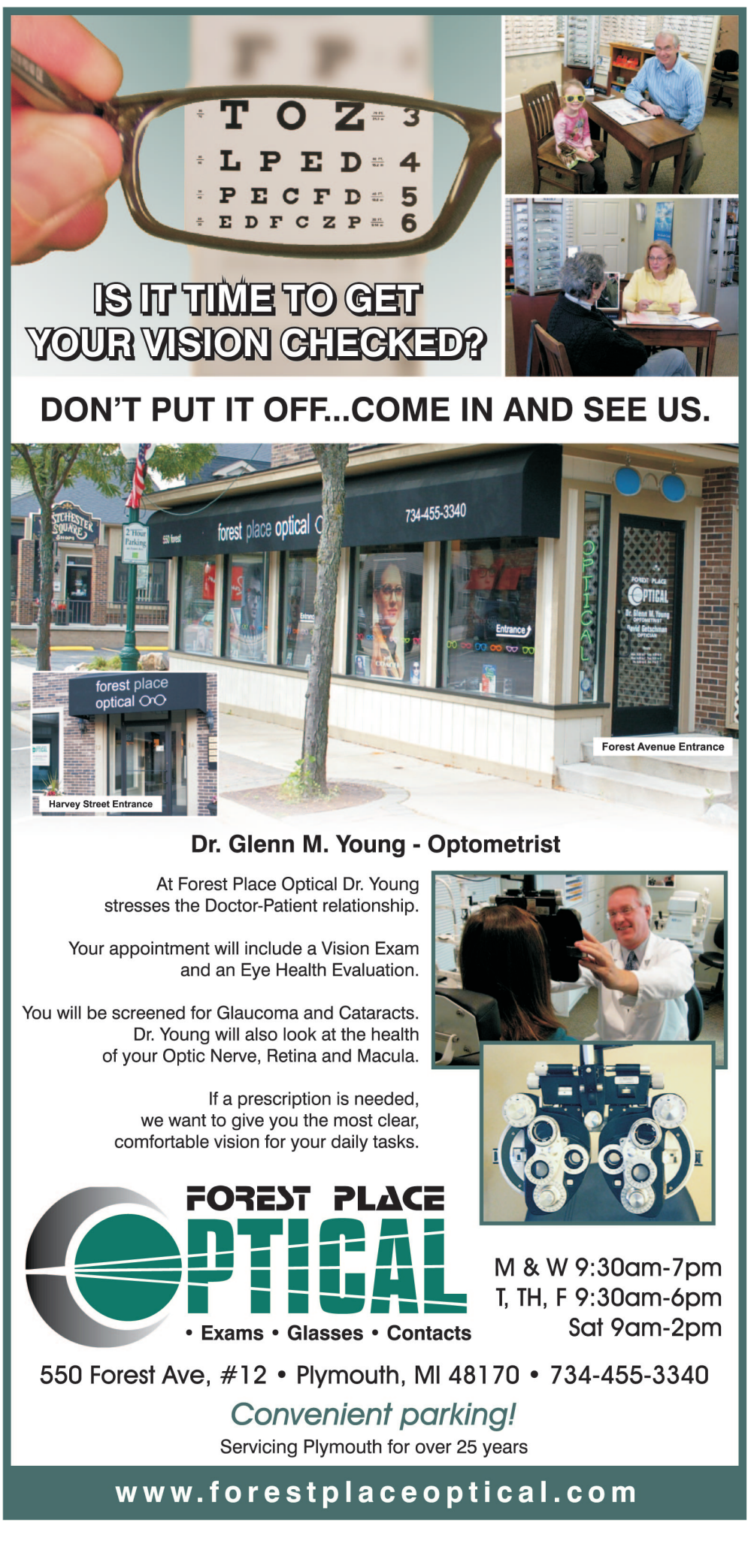
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Calendar of events

Country Garden Club meets

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Ward Presbyterian Church. Enter through door number six or seven for the meeting.

The meeting speaker will be Jan Whitcomb who will discuss the gardens and history of Green Meade.

There is no charge to attend and guests are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Tai Chi classes offered

Tai Chi, a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance is being offered in Wayne. There is evidence that this mind and body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. This low-impact, slow-motion exercise can be adapted for anyone. A ten-week session is being offered beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11. The fee is $65 for the 10-week course.

Participants must pre-register by Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Wayne Senior Services (734) 721-7460. The program is being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Free Android Smartphone workshop

Attend a free hands-on technology workshop from AARP and learn how to get the most from a mobile device. Devices will be provided for practice and all participants will get a free touch screen stylus pen.

Sessions are planned for 10-11:30 a.m. and noon until 1 p.m. Sept 6. The morning session will cover Intro to Android and the afternoon session will add Beyond the Basics to the topic. Sessions are also set for 2:30 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To register, call AARP at 1-800-213-4587 or register online at aarp.event.com/tekdetr.

The programs are being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Tri-community golf outing tees off

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Belleville along with both Sumpter and Van Buren townships will sponsor a golf outing beginning with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sept 6 at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

Fees begin at $125 for a single golfer or $400 for a foursome. Fees cover 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and a steak dinner along with contests including hole-in-one, men's and women's longest drive, skins and mulligans.

Sponsorships are available. All proceeds benefit the chamber and the tri-community.

For information or to register, contact Paul Henning, (734) 697-7151.

Chorus seeking members

The Belleville Community Chorus is resuming rehearsals and welcoming new singers to the group.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization comprising volunteers of all ages who love to sing.

Rehearsals take place at 7 p.m. every Monday, beginning Sept. 10, at the First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. in Belleville. The first concert is in December. Anyone interested in joining the group need only attend the Sept. 10 rehearsal. For more information, contact Paula Pence Preston at (734) 725-1425 or emailmspaula35@hotmail.com.

Free legal advice available

Senior residents in Wayne who have legal questions can spend 15 minutes with an attorney at no cost on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Spaces are limited so advance registration is urged by calling the Wayne Senior Services Office at (734)721-7460.

The program is being offered by the City of Wayne Senior Services and will take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

Grief seminars planned

A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church, now known as 5 Points Church, in Romulus at 6 p.m. Thursdays from, Sept. 6 through Dec. 20. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13-video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A $15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 941.1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

Deadline nears for cruise

Plymouth-Canton Optimists plan an evening of food, music and scenery Friday, Sept. 14, on the Detroit River.

The event is for those 21 and older, sailing from the Stroh's River Place dock from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Supporting the community projects of the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club, it costs $49.25 per person, including the cruise, dinner and secure parking. A cash bar, raffles and more are available during the cruise which has a Sept. 7 signup deadline.

Contact Pamela Batcho at plymouthcantonoptimist@gmail.com for registration

Coffee With A Cop Wednesday

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop the third Wednesday of each month. The Sept. 12 event will take place beginning at 6:30 p. m. at Gracie See Pastaria,

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officers ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Suicide prevention is goal

Members of Color My World, a club at Northville High School, hope to make an impact on the more than 2,000 students at the school with a community-focused 5K color run/fun walk on Sept. 15 in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month.

The Color My World Color Run/Walk will begin with check-in at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. The run/walk will start at approximately 11 a.m. and the event continues until approximately 1 p.m. The run, complete with color powder to reinforce the club name, will route through the adjacent Woodlands North subdivision and end at the high school track. The entry fee is $25 and includes a race t-shirt, color powder during the race, food, refreshments and music.

All proceeds will go directly to support the club activities. Registration is online at https://colormyworld.redpodium.com/color-my-world-color-run .

Library hosts dragons and unicorns

The Plymouth District Library will host dragon and unicorn lovers of all ages from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The magical celebration will include a 15-minute story time for younger children while all ages can enjoy a treasure hunt through downtown Plymouth and choose the path of the unicorn or the path of the dragon.

Costumes are encouraged.

There will be a photo booth, snacks, crafts and games from noon until 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Diamond of Community to be honored

The Wayne Commission on Aging has chosen the recipient of the 24th Annual / 2018 Diamond of the Community, Patt Hartford.

A dinner in her honor will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tickets are priced at $15 per person and are available at Wayne City Hall and the Senior Services Office.

Checks should be made out to the City of Wayne.

For more information or special arrangements for tickets, call (734)721-7460.

Lighthouse hosts yard sale

The Lighthouse Home Mission will host a yard sale daily from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. beginning Friday, Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept.8. All proceeds go to the pantry to purchase food for those in need.

Volunteers are still needed beginning with set up on Aug. 28 and throughout the sale and donations of gently used items of any type will be gratefully accepted.

The mission is located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland. For information, to volunteer or arrange a donation, call (734) 326-3885.

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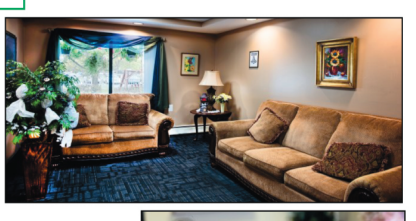

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